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### **APD to recognize citizen with Distinguished Service Award**

The Austin Police Department will recognize Larry Hector with its Distinguished Service Citation Award for his assistance in the capture of Daniel Nguyen, a suspect linked to eleven bank robberies statewide.

The award will be presented at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, at APD Headquarters.

On Tuesday, September 23, 2008, Hector, who is an Omni Hotel employee, observed a suspicious male driving a red, 2009 Chevrolet four-door vehicle through the hotel parking lot. It was there that Hector witnessed the man changing license plates.

After writing down both the old and new license plate numbers, Hector followed the man to the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot at Ben White Boulevard and Woodward Street. He saw the man get out of the vehicle but did not see where he went.

Hector circled the block and returned to the bank parking lot where he saw several APD officers. He approached the officers and learned that the bank had just been robbed. Hector provided officers with the description of the man he had seen and both license plate numbers he had written down.

With the information provided by Hector, Robbery detectives were able to identify the man who robbed the bank as Daniel Nguyen. Additionally, they were able to determine that the vehicle used in the bank robbery was a rental car rented out of Houston.

Nguyen has been linked to eleven bank robberies statewide, including nine in the Houston area, one in Austin and one in San Antonio.

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